GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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WORKS UNDER MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 50 per cent of all the works that are taken up at the district-level under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) should be exclusively for water conservation;

(b) if so, whether such provision is inherent in the Act, if not, the reasons for deviating from the Act;

(c) whether States are required to seek funds from MGNREGS for constructing individual households latrines; and

(d) if so, the details of the guidelines in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a): No Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c)&(d): Construction of individual household latrines (IHHLs) is one of the permitted works under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS). As a part of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, the State Governments have been requested to identify the Gram Panchayats which have adequate material component under MGNREGA for taking up individual toilets on a saturation basis totally from MGNREGA funds so that the Gram Panchayat as a whole will become 'open defecation free'. The entire cost of Individual House Hold Latrines i.e. Rs. 12000/- would be met from the MGNREGA funds.